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The Weather.

Winds increasing to gales from northeast, occasional rain today and early Sunday.

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SHAREHOLDERS OF THE GRAND TRUNK COMPLAIN OF TREATMENT BY GOVT.

Chairman Smithers Complains of Unfair Discrimination in Favor of the C. P. R. and Canadian Northern—Impossible Strain of the War Has Put the Grand Trunk in Its Present Position—Thinks a Receivership Would be the Cause of Lasting Regret.

LONDON, March 22.—At the meeting of Grand Trunk Railway shareholders today, Mr. Alfred Smithers, chairman of the system, gave an exhaustive review of the negotiations with the Canadian government. While there were occasional cries of "confiscation," "shame," "scandalous" and the like, there was no great display of bitterness.

Chairman Smithers had much to say about the government's dealings with other railways. "The Canadian Pacific was allowed to build branches and extensions right into new territory which the Grand Trunk Pacific was designed to serve," said Mr. Smithers. "The Canadian Northern was not only allowed, but actually subsidized year after year to build lines competing with the Grand Trunk Pacific. Our contention is that the Grand Trunk Pacific should at all events be treated by the government with the same consideration they have shown the Canadian Northern."

HAVE OFFERED TO SELL THE GRAND TRUNK FOR ITS AVERAGE EARNINGS THE LAST TEN YEARS

We have offered to sell the Grand Trunk at practically the average earnings of the last ten years, so that if the government took it at that price it would be obtaining the railway on a basis nearly repaying them what we asked the government, thus paying next to nothing for the whole reversion of the future.

We think the answer to that is the government does not appear to give any consideration to the effects of events like those of the five years which rendered it impossible for the Grand Trunk to carry its responsibilities for the Grand Trunk Pacific. The Grand Trunk is the only railway in Great Britain, the United States and Canada which bore the impossible strain caused by the unparalleled war industry. It is owing to these conditions that the Grand Trunk is in the position described.

REGARDS TERMS BEING DEALT OUT TO THE GRAND TRUNK AS HARSH AND UNMERCIFUL

It is not now that the government makes it a condition of relieving the Grand Trunk of the Grand Trunk Pacific liabilities that we sell the Grand Trunk at a disastrous loss to second and third preference and ordinary shareholders.

Would not a receivership under these conditions be the cause of lasting regret in Canada? Why should such harsh and unmerciful terms be dealt to the Grand Trunk compared with the liberal assistance given to Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern? I have the most heartrending appeals from thousands of investors in the Grand Trunk."

Mr. Smithers finally read from Sir Robert Borden's speech at Ottawa on Grand Trunk matters when he said if the government laid the charge acting unfairly towards those investing capital in Canada, the country would in the end pay much more than it would gain by such injustice.

ALLENBY TO RESTORE ORDER IN EGYPT

London, March 21.—Owing to the grave question in Egypt and the presence of General Sir F. Reginald Wingate, high commissioner for Egypt in London, General Allenby, the commander of allied forces in Palestine, has been appointed special high commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan. He has been given supreme authority in all military and civil matters and will take all expedient measures to restore order and maintain the protectorate over Egypt, according to an official announcement.

Unofficial advices from Egypt show that the disorders in that country have spread through the whole country of the Nile from Cairo to Assuan and are being largely directed toward the question of railway and telegraph lines.

THE OLYMPIC NEARING PORT

Halifax, N. S., March 22.—A wireless message from the Olympic states that she will be off Chebucto head at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, docking an hour later. No word has been received from the Olympic this morning. She is believed to be off the Harbor and has been asked to ascertain and communicate her position. The Royal George also expected over the weekend has not reported as yet. The three steamers are bringing a total of 8,500 Canadian war veterans.

U. S. ADMIRAL BANQUETED IN LONDON

London, March 22.—Admiral W. S. Sims was the guest of the Pilgrims club at a dinner last night and as a souvenir of the occasion was presented with a large block of Oak from Nelson's flagship Victory, with an inscription on a silver plate. Sir Harry Brittain presided and Speaker Lowther of the House of Commons, proposed the health of the guest of honor, this being seconded by Admiral Sir Roslyn Weymss. Admiral Sims, in a brief address says part of the close co-operation which has obtained between the two navies and remarked upon the great hospitality extended American naval men by the British people.

There were three hundred present this number including naval and military officers, members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons and men prominent in the political and social life of London.

U. S. STEEL IS VERY ACTIVE

New York, March 22.—United States steel was again the central feature at the opening of today's stock market, its first offering consisting of one lot of 18,000 shares at 99 1/2 to par. This was followed by numerous other transactions up to 100%, an overnight gain of almost a point. Related shares scored similar advances.

N. B. FEDERATION OF LABOR ENDED ITS SESSIONS

FINAL MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON

C. A. Melanson Elected President—Co-operative Stores in the Province are Urged.

The annual convention of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor came to a close last evening and the delegates returned to their homes last night.

The Friday afternoon session of the Labor Federation Convention opened at three o'clock. The Committee on Constitutions and By-laws reported progress but asked for an extension of time for the business on hand. President Melanson brought up the matter of local unions not affiliated with the Trades Congress or the A. F. L. On the motion of Delegate Tighe invitations will be sent out to all labor bodies in the province not considered dual organizations, if the report of the Committee on Constitutions and By-laws be favorable.

Thanks Extended
The thanks of the meeting were extended to the Fredericton Labor Council for their cordial reception and entertainment of the delegates during their stay in this city also to Mayor Hanson, Fletcher Peacock, Capt. Boyd, the press of the city, J. L. Sugrue and others who had rendered their assistance to make the meeting a success.

Co-operative Stores
President Melanson brought up the matter of co-operative stores in the province. He explained the principle using the Moncton Co-operative Ltd. as an example. Organizer Sullivan also spoke along the same lines urging very strongly the co-operative plan. A resolution was passed that every encouragement be given the movement for the organization of school teachers within the province. The Federation also by a resolution endorsed the appointment of Delegate Sinders in the Thrift Stamp campaign.

Officers Elected
The following officers were elected:
President, C. A. Melanson.
Vice-President, J. E. Tighe.
Secretary-Treasurer, G. R. Melvin.
Vice-President for the City of St. John, William Treacatan.
Vice-President for the City of Moncton, S. C. Wilson.
Vice-President for the City of Fredericton, Harry Ryan.
President Melanson was elected legislative lobbyist during the present session of the House.

TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS TO BE SPENT IN IMPROVING THE ROADS

Important Bill Introduced in the Federal Parliament by the Minister of Railways Will Probably Command the Support of Both Parties.

Ottawa, March 21.—Towards the close of a somewhat dull day in the house, Hon. J. D. Reid, moved the resolution providing for the payment within the next five years of \$20,000,000 to the various provinces for the encouragement of the construction of good roads.

According to the terms of the resolution, each province will receive eight thousand dollars every year, plus a further payment based upon population as determined by the latest federal census of each province.

The payments shall be subject to the following conditions;

(A)—Any highway for which aid is granted shall be constructed or improved as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of an agreement to be made by the minister with the government of the province, which agreement shall contain such provisions as to cost, description, specifications or otherwise as the governor-in-council may approve.

(B)—The aid to be given in any case shall be forty per cent. of the

Not Concerned in Problems Of the European Nations

MOUNT ALLISON WON DEBATE FROM U. N. B.

Judges Decided in Favor of the Visiting Team, Two to One, Last Night—A Good Debate.

The Mount Allison debating team won from that of the University of New Brunswick last evening at the City Opera House on the resolution reading "Resolved that our Dominion Government should Nationalize Railways", nationalization meaning to own and operate. The U. N. B. took the negative side of the argument and the Mount Allison team supported the affirmative.

The U. N. B. team was led by G. T. Mitton, with Joseph Sears and J. Miles Burpee, while the Mount Allison team consisted of R. D. Mitton, leader, F. Rowe and W. G. Guy.

The chair was occupied by Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the University, and the judges were Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P. P., of Moncton, L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P. of St. John, and Rev. J. A. Keigan pastor of St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John. The leader of the affirmative led off with his speech and was followed by the leader of the negative. The debate was very interesting and very close. At the conclusion of the various speeches the leader for the negative, Mr. G. T. Mitton, presented his rebuttal and was followed by Mr. R. D. Mitton, leader for the affirmative.

The Argument
The question of Government ownership and operation was discussed both favorably and unfavorably. Practical examples were brought forward by both sides showing the harm and benefits of Government ownership. These were given in detail, built up by one side and torn down by the other.

The debate lasted in all about two hours following which the judges gave their decisions. Two out of the three judges found for Mount Allison, while the third found for the U. N. B. team. The judgment was read by the chairman, Dr. C. C. Jones, that the Mount Allison team had won the debate by a vote of two to one.

The U. N. B. leader made a particularly good impression.

Sir R. L. Borden Submits Memorandum to British Peace Delegation—Thinks Overseas Dominions Should Not Meddle With European Questions in Which the Empire is Not Directly Involved—American Delegates Support the Memorandum.

(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's, Limited.)

LONDON, March 22.—The Paris correspondent of the Morning Post says Sir Robert Borden has submitted to the British delegation at the peace conference a memorandum on the League of Nations to the effect that the British Dominions do not feel that they should take the responsibility of entering into the question of deciding differences of European nations where the empire is not directly involved. The memorandum is supported by the American delegation. It was not submitted to the Australian delegates, but Premier Hughes points out that this does not mean that Australia disagrees with it.

DELEGATES OF NEUTRAL STATES DISCUSS THE ARTICLES OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT

PARIS, March 22.—Delegates to the conference of neutral nations took considerable time yesterday in the discussion of the article of the League of Nations covenant which provides for coercive measures against the nations breaking relations with league without submitting their grievances to the executive body of the league. Amendments were prepared stipulating that force might be used only in case of necessity, that it might be brought to bear only after economic pressure had proved insufficient, and that small states might decline to take warlike steps.

Lord Robert Cecil, who presided, said that if small states were allowed to refrain from military action, the forces of other states should be given permission to pass over their territories. Premier Venizelos, of Greece, declared incidentally during the discussion that purely defensive alliances would be allowed under the League of Nations covenant. The principle that armaments should be reduced to a minimum was recognized by the conference.

HOSPITAL SHIP AT PORTLAND ME. WITH MANY CANADIAN WOUNDED

Portland, Me., March 22.—The hospital ship Araguaya arrived today from Liverpool with a detachment of 783 wounded Canadians, including twelve officers, on their way to military districts in Canada. Most of them are from Kirkdale hospital, at Liverpool, the others being from the Warrenton and Lenham hospital near that city. Of the total, 734 are convalescents and 46 are in very serious condition. There are thirty cases of insanity and two of total blindness.

WOULD DEBAR ALL ALIEN IMMIGRANTS

Edmonton, Alta., March 21.—No more immigration into Canada from alien enemy countries or of persons of alien enemy extraction, for a period of twenty-one years, and the deportation of all aliens now in Canada unless they can furnish satisfactory proof of loyalty to the dominion and willingness to fight in its behalf, have been declared to be the policy of the Alberta Orangemen, in a series of resolutions passed at the Grand Lodge convention here. The Orangemen also urged the dominion govt. to prosecute, effectively and permanently disfranchise all defaulters under the M. S. A.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS TO DISCUSS TREATY

Paris, March 21.—A special session of both houses of the American congress will probably be called to assemble about the middle of May, the date when President Wilson hopes to return to the United States.

It is possible that if the treaty of peace is sufficiently advanced to warrant such a course, a special session of the senate may be called even earlier to afford it opportunity to deal with this subject before being called upon to direct its attention to other important matters, chief of which will be financial affairs.

At St. Anthony's Church.
Rev. Father Murphy announces, owing to the condition of the roads in the Tay Creek district, Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Devon, tomorrow at the usual hour, 11 o'clock.

TELEPHONE ASSISTED AN ALERT THIEF

The telephone is a source of great convenience to people in the rural districts. It saves time and labor and we are told often enables curious people to hear things not intended for their ears. A recent experience of a Kings-clear farmer is a case in point. One day this week he received an order by phone for a barrel of apples. In talking to his customer he took occasion to say that the apples were of splendid quality and he incidentally mentioned that they were stored in his fruit house.

Some dishonest person was listening on the line, with the result that a day or two later when the farmer went to look for his apples he discovered that they had taken wings and flown away. He is now looking for the party who listened to his telephone conversation.

POLICE FORM A UNION

Edmonton, Alta., March 22.—The city police have formed themselves into a union and are applying to the trades and labor congress for a charter.

CLAIMS MAKE A BIG TOTAL

Ottawa, March 21.—Canadian claims against persons in enemy countries and against enemy govts. so far reported to the Enemy debts committee here total \$31,525,000.